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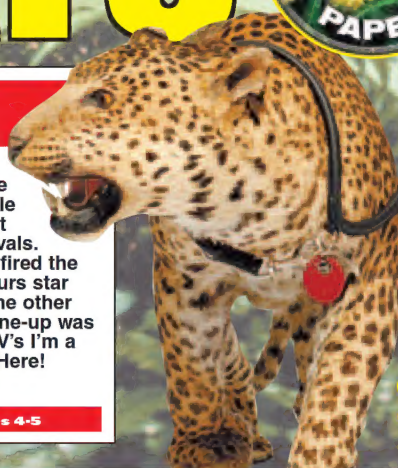
ATOMIC Kitten Jenny Frost is desperate to be crowned Queen of the Jungle this year – and she'll get out her claws to battle all her rivals.

The 27-year-old singer fired the warning to ex-Neighbours star Kimberley Davies, 32, and the other bush beauties as the final line-up was announced yesterday for ITV's I'm a Celebrity – Get Me Out Of Here! which begins on Sunday.

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**Kimberley
Davies**

**Jenny
Frost**



Axe slaying thug guilty

■ BY JOHN MAHONEY

AN axe killer was last night facing life in jail for the horrific murder of teenager Anthony Walker.

And today 17-year-old Michael Barton – brother of the Manchester City footballer Joey, 22 – will stand trial on the same charge.

Paul Taylor, 20, had originally denied killing 18-year-old Anthony as he walked through McGoldrick Park in Huyton, Liverpool, in July.

But as Anthony's family members – including his mother Gee – looked on from the public gallery at at Liverpool Crown Court, Taylor changed his plea and whispered "Guilty" when the murder charge was put to him again. He will be sentenced at a later date.



MURDER: Anthony, left, and Taylor, right



HEARTACHE: Anthony's mother Gee Verona-Walker (right) arrives at court with her family

Govt admits 24hr pubs + binge boozing =

A VERY HAIRY CHRISTMAS

■ BY MACER HALL, Political Editor

A CHRISTMAS blitz on boozed-up yobs turned to farce last night as a Minister admitted drunken violence is set to rise.

Culture Secretary Tessa Jowell sparked outrage by predicting the Government's 24-hour licensing shake-up WILL increase alcohol-fuelled attacks.

Her confession came at the launch of a £2.5million Christmas crackdown on binge-drinking. The hard-hitting campaign will include posters featuring a vomit-spattered pavement and money draining into a gutter.

Police with sweeping new powers will target under-age drinkers, drunks and rowdy pubs.

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The campaign was launched eight days before the Government's controversial licensing shake-up. Last night, a last-ditch Tory bid to scrap it was defeated in the Commons by 302 votes to 228.

More than two-thirds of the 81,000 pubs in England and Wales have applied to change opening times.

Ms Jowell, 58, said: "By having a focus on a particular type of crime, more people as a result of the scale of the enforcement who might otherwise have

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got away with it get caught. "Yes, you may see a rise in violent alcohol-related crime. But we do not expect the new provisions to see an increase in the rate of violent crime."

"The Act gives the police more powers to tackle alcohol-related crime."

But her shadow Theresa May, 49, warned: "These laws threaten an explosion in public nuisance and violent crime." And Mayor

of London Ken Livingstone called for the 24-hour law to be scrapped if violence surges.

● The Red Lion pub in Westminster – Tony Blair's "local" – has had a licence extension refused.

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HOWLER: Jowell said change in law could lead to a rise in crime

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SATURDAY LOTTO

NOVEMBER 12

12 13 25 30 45 47 42

Three tickets share the £5.4m jackpot

EXTRA: 15, 18, 22, 27, 32, 33 Tball: 15, 25, 26, 27, 29 (7's 11)

No Extra winners. No Tball winner.

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WEDNESDAY LOTTO

NOVEMBER 9

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Three winners share £2.9 million jackpot.

EXTRA: 7, 12, 18, 27, 42, 44 Tball: 4, 12, 14, 18, 26 (7's 12)

No Extra winners of £2.4 m jackpot. Two £250k Tball winners.

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FRIDAY, NOV 11

15, 16, 36, 41, 42

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No UK winners of the £30.4m jackpot

Happy Birthday

Former world heavy-weight boxing champ Frank Bruno is 44 today.



Thought for day...

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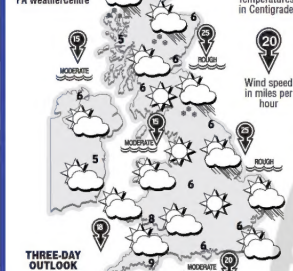
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INFO STATION

TODAY: England and Wales will be sunny but cold. Showers will affect the far east of England. Central and southern Scotland will be sunny. Wintry showers in northern and eastern Scotland. Northern Ireland will be dry.

OUTLOOK: Staying cold tomorrow. Much of the UK will be sunny but Northern Ireland will have more cloud. Wintry showers will affect North Sea coasts. Largely fine on Friday.

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THREE-DAY OUTLOOK

Thursday Sunny

Friday Fair

Saturday Fair

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ABROAD

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Malene

COOL babe Malene is really looking forward to winter. The 25-year-old from Wimbledon, south London, loves to get out into the country when the weather's cold so she can enjoy a bit of snowballing. Malene reckons you can't beat it for really great winter fun.

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YOU'RE GAVIN A LAFF



SO IN LAV: Charlotte's behaving badly on the loo

■ **by NADINE LINGE**

SINGER Charlotte Church's reputation goes right down the pan in a cheeky new telly cartoon.

The 19-year-old is pictured swilling beer and chain smoking as she sits on the loo.

Meanwhile, her rugby star boyfriend Gavin Henson, 23, preens himself in front of a giant mirror – and even applies a bit of lipply.

Charlotte also sports a chunky "C4G" medallion and only stops talking to gaze lovingly at her guy's perma-tan.

The peek at the pair's lovenest comes courtesy of animated show Cnex, to be screened on Channel 4's Welsh station S4C this weekend. Series producer Dylan Huws said: "We reveal how the clean-living Gavin copes with his Crazy Chick's bad habits."

The show's previous "victims" have included Catherine Zeta-Jones, 39, and US President George Bush, 59. Dylan said: "I think most people take it as a compliment."

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TAN-TALISING: Gav gets lipply

WE'VE GOT THE



CAROL THATCHER

Age: 52
Celebrity supporter: Baroness Thatcher
Fears and phobias: Rice and beans
Special skills: Astronomy, spirited debating, washing up, listening



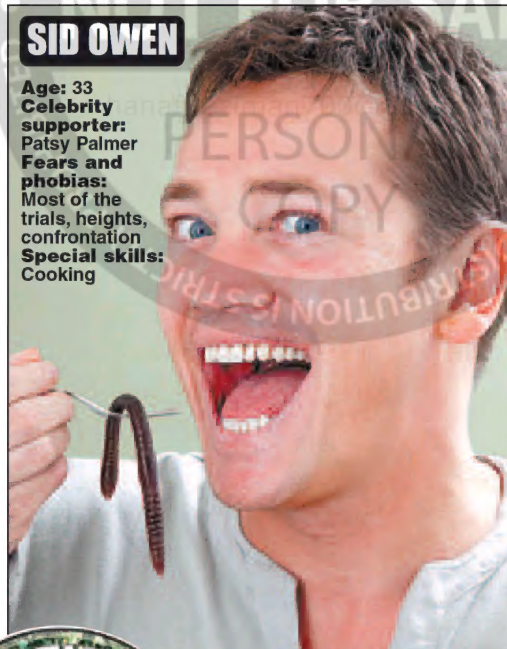
JILLY GOOLDEN

Age: 49
Supporters: My children – Aurie, Phillip and Verity
Fears and phobias: Living without mascara, male chauvinists
Special skills: Wine tasting, mothering



DAVID DICKINSON

Age: 64
Celebrity supporters: Chris Moyles, Peter Stringfellow, Rolf Harris
Fears and phobias: Wallowing in the mud, rats, heights
Special skills: Sunbathing



SID OWEN

Age: 33
Celebrity supporter: Patsy Palmer
Fears and phobias: Most of the trials, heights, confrontation
Special skills: Cooking

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SOAP star Sheree Murphy is already in a lather about quitting I'm A Celebrity...

And that's before the new series of the smash hit show has even started.

The Emmerdale actress has had to take super-strong knockout tablets just to help her get on the plane to Australia.

Sexy Sheree – part of the official line-up announced yesterday – has also admitted she can't stand camping and is too scared even to sleep in her own back garden.

Scared

But she is not the only one to be petrified – EastEnders Elaine Lordan has also been moaning about creepy-crawlies in the Outback.

And the problems are already mounting even before the show has started – ITV2 co-host Tara Palmer-Tomkinson, 33, was at the centre of a riddle yesterday when she was spotted crying as she sat by the pool in Australia.

Sheree, 29, best known as Emmerdale's Tricia Dingle,

EXCLUSIVE

by PETER DYKE and MARK JEFFERIES

said: "Firstly, I hate flying and I've never flown to Australia as I'm too scared. I've got some strong tablets to knock me out."

Sheree, who is 2-1 favourite to walk out first as well as overall favourite to win, added: "I've never been camping before in my life. I'd rather go to a hotel."

"I'm going to be petrified at night. I couldn't even sleep in our garden if you asked me to."

"Sleeping outside is going to be the worst thing. I don't like anything like flies either. I hate birds. I hate mice... basically anything that moves quicker than I do. I'm really petrified of heights as well, which is why I keep thinking to myself, 'What am I doing?'"

And EastEnders Elaine won't cope any better with the challenges of the jungle and

the lack of food. The 39-year-old lists sleeping outdoors as one of her phobias and reckons she will be a complete failure when it comes to the Bush Tucker Trials.

She said: "I'm not sure about kangaroos' little bits and fish eyes – I can't eat a fish eye. I could not do that and I admire Jordan for that."

Elaine, who played Lynne Hobbs in EastEnders, was not confident about getting any sleep while camping out.

She added: "I camped when I was about 10 and hated it, so I expect the jungle to be a very big challenge."

Horrific

"Prior to this the most death-defying thing I've done is on an adventure playground on one of the rope swings!"

"I'm going to look like sh**e! Well, I'm going to feel like it."

"Oh, I suppose we're just all going to stink and look awful."

Producers of the programme have promised to make "the most absurd, unusual and horrific set of Bush Tucker Trials that any of the celebs have faced".

The girls will follow in the footsteps of Natalie Appleton, 32, on the last series, who was scared of "touching a tree" and faced five Bush Tucker trials before quitting.

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Who will win I'm A Celebrity?

3-1 Sheree Murphy	7-1 Antony Costa
4-1 Sid Owen	10-1 David Dickinson
9-2 Kimberley Davies	20-1 Jimmy Osmond
5-1 Jenny Frost	33-1 Carol Thatcher
6-1 Elaine Lordan	33-1 Jilly Goolden

TEARS: Tara yesterday



JIMMY OSMOND

Age: 42
Celebrity supporters: Shane Richie, Billy Pearce, The Osmond Family
Fears and phobias: Heights, camping
Special skills: Performing, eating Haagen-Dazs ice cream



ELAINE LORDAN

Age: 39
Celebrity supporters: Her pals at EastEnders
Fears and phobias: Sleeping outdoors, finding a rat in her bed, finding out one of the celebrities is a rat
Special skills: Mothering and affection

JUNGLE FEVER!

KIMBERLEY DAVIES

Age: 32
Celebrity supporters: Cast of Neighbours
Fears and phobias: Snakes
Special skills: Team player and a diplomat

JENNY FROST

Age: 27
Celebrity supporters: Davinia Taylor, Sophie McDonnell, Liz McClarnon, Natasha Hamilton
Fears and phobias: Heights, belly-buttons
Special skills: Listening, singing, cooking rice, creating jungle outfits

SHEREE MURPHY

Age: 30
Celebrity supporters: Husband Harry Kewell, Danniella Westbrook, the cast of Emmerdale
Fears and phobias: Heights, flying, birds, wasps, flies, mice, creepy crawlies, camping
Special skills: Tap dancing, mediating in arguments

ANTHONY COSTA

Age: 24
Celebrity supporters: Adele Silva, Paul Gascoigne, the boys from Blue
Fears and phobias: Spiders, rude and obnoxious people.
Special skills: Singing, cleaning, dieting

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GOING DOWN

England heroes face cash slash as fans cry foul

by MACER HALL, Political Editor

TOP footballers such as David Beckham and Steven Gerrard could have their megabucks wages slashed.

Government ministers believe weekly pay packets of up to £100,000 are "excessive" and want the EU to cap the earnings of star players.

Earnings have rocketed in 10 years and Sports Minister Richard Caborn claims this has angered fans.

The initiative came after it was revealed that England will be going all out to win the bid to host the 2018 World Cup but Mr Caborn, 62, said: "There are some concerns about the level of some salaries within football. I personally think there is a need to look at some of the excesses."

He added: "A number of clubs have said to me that they'd like some restraint on salaries but can't do it by themselves."

Tory shadow sports secretary Theresa May accused the Government of meddling. She said: "It should be down to the clubs to decide what is best for them and the game."

The players are bound to object. They have fiercely resisted moves to trim their salaries ever since the £20-a-week maximum wage was scrapped in 1961.

Summit

Gordon Taylor, chief executive of the Professional Footballers' Association, warned that a Europe-wide salary cap would be impractical and possibly illegal.

He said: "Clubs would always find loopholes. I don't think Chelsea supporters are complaining about their club's wages."

It will be discussed at next month's Euro summit, which will also look at regulating agents, setting a minimum number of home players for teams and raising cash for lower league clubs.

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REAR WE GO

CRUEL critics reckon goal-shy England striker Peter Crouch couldn't hit a cow's backside with a banjo. And yesterday 25-year-old England and Liverpool team-mate Steven Gerrard decided to prove the theory during a training session with his Anfield pals.

Joker Gerro invited 6ft 7in Crouch, 24, and the rest of the Liverpool squad to take pot shots at his own bare bum as he stood in the goal. Needless to say Crouch, inset, missed... and so did all his Reds mates!

Picture: CHRIS NEILL

TOP WEEKLY EARNERS

David Beckham (Real Madrid)	£100,000
Ronaldo (Real Madrid)	£100,000
Zinedine Zidane (Real Madrid)	£100,000
Rio Ferdinand (Man United)	£100,000
Steven Gerrard (Liverpool)	£100,000
Roy Keane (Man United)	£99,000
Frank Lampard (Chelsea)	£90,000
Ruud Van Nistelrooy (Man United)	£90,000
Luis Figo (Real Madrid)	£90,000
Patrick Vieira (Juventus)	£85,000



ON TARGET: Arsenal's Thierry Henry



DREAM TEAM

FOOTIE fans dream of munching chips at Old Trafford while watching Thierry Henry line up with Ronaldinho.

That's what was revealed yesterday in the biggest-ever worldwide survey of supporters.

They rate top-flight English football as the best in the world, because of its star players and flamboyant style.

The 26,000 fans polled

by STEPHEN RIGLEY

in 170 countries reckon Manchester United's Old Trafford, pictured above, is the best place to watch.

And a dream game would involve Arsenal's Thierry Henry, 28, and Barcelona's Brazilian ace Ronaldinho, 25.

The poll by Premiership sponsors Barclays also found the top match snack is chips.



WE WISH: Fans want Ronaldinho here

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Boot out the sleaze

FOOTBALL'S sleazy underside is to be investigated.

Among the issues to come under scrutiny are spiralling players' wages and payments made to agents.

The ownership of clubs, the trade in foreign players and the lack of home-grown stars are also to be looked at.

This probe is to be welcomed – and is long overdue.

Fans are pouring untold millions into the game through sky-high ticket prices, replica shirts and TV subscriptions.

But there's a growing feeling that they're being taken for a ride.

Our Sports Minister Richard Caborn has initiated this European-wide inquiry.

He's enlisted the support of his major EU counterparts along with football's governing bodies.

This is a unique opportunity to clean up the game and rid it of corruption and financial excess.

For the fans' sake, it mustn't be wasted.

TV's heady jungle brew

TOP marks to the producers of I'm A Celebrity...

They've managed to sign up a fantastic cast for the next edition of the reality show.

It's an extraordinary mixture of eye candy, eccentrics, has-beens and genuine stars.

Among the names that stand out are Carol Thatcher, the batty daughter of former Prime Minister Maggie.

What on earth did they do to persuade this lofty, well-connected figure into the jungle?

We can only hope that former EastEnders' favourite Elaine Lordan is over her drinking and emotional problems.

Little Jimmy Osmond, we're informed, has become an intolerant Bible-basher since he topped the pop charts 33 years ago.

Aussie Kimberley Davies and Atomic Kitten Jenny Frost will have the chance to prove they've got something more than good looks.

This ITV1 show doesn't start until Sunday... but it's got us hooked already.

Go 2 blazes

OUR nanny-state ministers are to text smokers urging them to give up.

Give them the reply they deserve: "Mind ur own biz!"

KATE MESS

by JAMES WICKHAM

COKE shame model Kate Moss looked down and pout after a big night in party city Barcelona.

Kate, 31, had earlier looked like a million euros as she posed for a glamorous photoshoot.

But by the end of her night on the tiles the strain was definitely showing on her face.

As our exclusive pictures show, heavy smoker Kate seemed to be struggling to keep her eyes open as she left exclusive bar and restaurant Botafumeiro in the Spanish city.

The mum-of-one kept fiddling with her spotty face and hair. And instead of the once-dazzling smile, she had

After detox clinic... she's back in retox!

only a fixed, blank expression as she headed back to her luxury hotel.

Kate - just out of a US rehab clinic after her cocaine habit was exposed - had spent two days modelling jewellery worth £1.4million as the face of swanky firm Bulgari.

She arrived in Barcelona with daughter Lila Grace, three, on a private jet from Ibiza on Sunday night.

Sources say Kate has already made plans for a quiet New Year's Eve. After spending Christmas at her Cotswolds home, she will head for a Buddhist retreat.

She is said to be enrolling on a week-long course of yoga, meditation and relaxation on Holy Isle, off south-west Scotland.

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HAIR I GO AGAIN: Kate tries to hide her face as she leaves the bar after a night on the razz

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Stalker blasted ex-girlfriend 3 times in face as she lay dying

HARVEY NICKS GUN KILLER HIGH ON COCAINE

BLOWN AWAY: Tragic shop girl Clare, inset, Pech lies dead after the shooting

by GARY NICKS

STALKER Michal Pech was high on cocaine when he blasted to death Harvey Nichols salesgirl Clare Bernal.

The deranged ex-soldier slid behind the cosmetics counter and shot his ex-girlfriend in the back of the head with a World War Two Luger.

Pech, 30, who had received specialist firearms training in the Czech army, then fired three bullets into 22-year-old Clare's face as she lay on the floor.

Finally he pointed the pistol at his right temple and blew his brains out as screaming customers at the posh people's store dived for cover.

Clare's brutal execution was described in full graphic detail for the first time yesterday at an inquest into their deaths.

Pech had become besotted with the brunette beauty after landing a security guard's job at the store in Knightsbridge, London.

Sacked

They dated a few times but she ended things when he turned possessive.

Pech took it badly harassing Clare at work and following her home. He was sacked and pleaded guilty to harassment in court but was freed on bail.

The shootings came eight days before he was due to be sentenced.

The maniac obtained a gun in the Czech republic and smuggled it into Britain.

Pathologist Dr Vesna Djurovic told Westminster Coroner's Court that Pech had "significant amounts" of cocaine in his system at the time of the shooting last



TEARS: Mum Patricia

September. Detective Inspector Anthony McKeowan said Pech fired six times – four times at Clare, into the ceiling and at himself.

Victoria Daniels, now an actress, who was working next to Clare, sobbed as she told how she saw Pech creep behind the counter.

She said: "I smiled at her because it was time to go home – and then he pulled a gun out."

Dabbing at tears, Victoria said Pech pointed the gun at Clare's head. Victoria shouted: "Run, there's a gun!" She added: "I grabbed the girl next to me and we fled."

There was a short gap before she heard shooting. Clare's mum Patricia wept after former husband Martyn attacked her over Clare's harassment ordeal.

He said: "When Clare talked to her mother, she did not take the matter seriously enough and accused Clare of being selfish in her approach to her as she had her own problems."

"The two things that could have saved Clare's life would have been for her to leave her job and leave her flat. Neither of these actions were taken or suggested by her mother."

Mrs Bernal, who has complained that police and the court should have done more to protect Clare, said: "I thought

the police had it in hand and that she was safe.

"That is my mistake and I have to live with it."

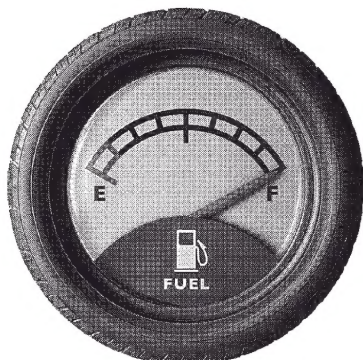
Her solicitor Joshua Dubin said: "This incident happened at a time when this country was supposedly well equipped to deal with terrorist attacks, yet somebody came into the country with a pistol and used it in a murder in the West End of London."

Risk

Coroner Dr Paul Knapman recorded a verdict of suicide for Pech, of Tottenham, but adjourned the inquest for further evidence.

Mrs Bernal said in a statement: "A wider independent inquiry may lead to the saving of future lives put at risk by domestic violence."

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'Tis the season for some but not for others...

80-day run-up

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£600m lighter

BRITS will spend £600 million on flashy decorations this Christmas. We'll snap up 89m metres of lights - enough to reach from here to the Moon. And that's despite the fact 37% of the nation reckon people go "over the top" at Christmas. We'll also spend £450 each on presents - with mobiles and electronic gadgets the most popular gifts.



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X-RATED: Walsh

Festlife!

★ X FACTOR judge Louis Walsh teamed up with boyband Westlife to switch on London's famous Oxford Street Christmas lights last night.
★ But the 50-year-old was hardly a hit with shoppers. They booed him over his strategy on the ITV show, which saw him vote off sexy singer Maria Lawson, 30.
★ And he did not dare show his face on stage for the big switch-on, leaving Westlife's Kian Egan, 25, to tell the crowds: "We love Louis, no matter what you say."

Hull not so dull

HULL will be Britain's most brightly-decorated place this Christmas. Figures showing sales of outdoor festive lights reveal Hull's shops have shifted 10% more than anywhere else. But Cardiff has been named the least lit-up place. And it's also dim down south, with Buckingham, Portsmouth and Glastonbury among the other nice-but-dim towns and cities.

Dear Santa...

A SCROOGE council has forced a pensioner to pay £244.73 damages after her plastic Santa dislodged two roof tiles. Maureen Kirby, 70, said: "The same tiles have been coming off for years. It could have happened after Christmas when we had the storms in January." A court ordered her to pay up after a two-year battle with Douglas Council in the Isle of Man.

XMAS IS AXED

Blundering town hall bosses scrap C-word

BUNGLING council chiefs who banned Santa Claus have rebranded Christmas The Festival Of Lights - so as not to offend other religions.

■ by JAMES WICKHAM

Politically-correct officials have even accidentally given the Christian festival the same name as the Hindu celebration Diwali, also known as The Festival Of Lights.

Even council leader David Gillett has branded the move "barmy". Havant Council in Hampshire made the change after claiming the word Christmas could upset people of different cultures and faiths.

Barmy

But Cllr Gillett said: "This is our home turf so why should we change our kits? I can't for the life of me see why people would be offended by this. "It's a case of political correctness gone absolutely barmy. It will not happen again."

The decision comes after

Father Christmas and his grotto was dumped from the Meridian shopping centre in Havant because it was "past its sell-by date".

Local Hindus say they were not offended by Christmas and have called for the council to reinstate its proper name.

Hindu resident Pushpar Sanderscor, 47, said: "It's not offensive, quite the opposite."

John Willis, of the Havant Fruit and Veg Shop, said: "Banning Santa's grotto and dropping the word Christmas is ludicrous."

The town's lights display, which has been funded by the council and the Havant Business Group, will be the same as last year. Russell Crocker, deputy chairman of the Havant Business Group, said: "There is an issue about overdoing political correctness. "But we are not trying to cancel Christmas."

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Tree a treat in black

■ FORGET a white Christmas, we're flocking to buy black trees.

And many top stores are already close to selling out.

John Lewis has sold almost all of its £90 trees.

■ Argos has a 5ft black fibre optic tree for £34.99, but its website lists it as "currently out of stock for home delivery".

■ Susan Rose editor of Ideal Home said: "We all thought it was going to be one of those trends that would take a little while to catch on but it has really captured the public's imagination."





ACCUSED: Otis Ferry Ferry's denial

HUNT protester Otis Ferry has pleaded not guilty to drink-driving. The 23-year-old son of Roxy Music star Bryan, who caused a storm when he invaded the Commons, appeared before magistrates in Cirencester, Glos. He will appear again on January 3.

Mum seasick for four years

JANE Houghton went on a cruise four years ago and has been seasick every day since.

by JOHN MAHONEY

Her life has been made hell by a freak illness called Disembarkment Sickness, for which there is no cure.

The 41-year-old mum suffered permanent nausea and dizziness after her one and only cruise around Mallorca in 2001.

The office manager said: "I wake up and the room is see-sawing, it's just like being on the roughest seas imaginable and you feel as if the ground is falling away."

"We had a lovely break but once back on dry land I continued to feel all at sea. "In restaurants, the tables would bob

and weave about. I asked other people if they were experiencing the same feelings, and they looked at me as if I was mad. "I felt like I was constantly walking on a trampoline. The sensation was constant, no let-up, even when lying down."

Worse

Jane, of Warrington, Cheshire, has tried anti-motion sickness tablets but the pills and all other treatments have failed.

"If anything I am worse," she said. Now she has contacted doctors in America in the hope of a breakthrough.

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Star NEWS

BOYO BOY: Dafydd is even more outrageous than ever in the new show



Matt's Brit of cheek

MINCING Dafydd is back to his cheeky best as Little Britain returns.

The "only gay in the village" played by Matt Lucas shows he's as camp as ever in the new show which starts tomorrow on BBC1.

As well as a return of the old favourites, David Walliams, 33, and Matt, 31, will unleash a host of new characters for the third series.

They include a sleazy Tory who keeps getting caught with his pants down, a charity worker with wandering hands and baldy Dudley and his Thai bride Ting Tong.



BOTTOM LINE: A brief encounter for Matt

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Wake up, Craig

NICE of Craig David to comment on Pete Doherty's situation. "It's a shame nobody has shaken him and said: 'Wake Up!'" he tutted.

Funnily enough, I think very similar thoughts about Craig David. Except I think it's a shame nobody has shaken him by the throat. Not enough to kill him, just

enough to prevent him ever making that vocal wallpaper paste he's passing off as music. If it's a choice between a whacked-out smackhead producing exhilarating music and a ridiculously coiffured R'n'B blandmeister, whose music couldn't be any more predictable if it was mapped out by the AA, then give me the junkie any day.

JUST got back from a screening of the mesmerising Harry Potter and The Goblet of Fire. From start to finish, it is utterly magical, but is it as scary as they say? Well, according to Molly Diamond (aged 7): "It's about as scary as a little duck." Seriously - there is nothing half as terrifying as the Dementors were in the last one. So take your kids along without worrying about having to pay for therapy after and enjoy the first Harry Potter movie I've managed to stay awake through.

Bungle in the jungle

AS time goes on, readers, there are things I find myself saying that I never imagined I'd say.

"This music's too loud", "Maybe I should vote Tory" and "Spending time with the kids is actually better than getting drunk", being three examples.

But they fall into insignificance next to the horrific sentence that passed my lips yesterday...

"I'd rather watch Cannon and Ball."

I'm gutted they're now NOT going to appear on this series of I'm A Celebrity Get Me Out Of Here - they seemed to be just about the only contestants worth watching.

I keep telling myself that the producers know what they're doing; that they've never let me down before; that on paper Anthony

Worrall Thompson, Tara Palmer-Tomkinson and Nicole Appleton didn't look like they'd provide the searing moments of televisual bliss they produced.

But how can Antony Costa possibly become interesting?

It was only recently that I realised he actually sang with Blue. He always looked like he was their minicab driver and he'd wandered onto the set of the video to take them to c.d.uk.

Sid Owen - very likeable, I'm sure. Jenny Frost, Sheree Murphy, Kimberley Davies - all most babelicious, but where's the Janet Street Porter, Phil Tufnell and John Lydon in this mob?

David Dickinson may turn out to be quality, but only if the jungle gets to him in the same way it got to Marlon Brando in Apocalypse Now.

Once-In-EastEnders Elaine Loran is most famous for getting lairy when pissed. If I want to watch that, I'll walk down the

MY DEEPEST FEAR

SCOTLAND declared a national day of mourning on Sunday, as it finally dawned on us that England might win the 2006 World Cup. Sure, that defence can be flimsier than a John Terry relationship, but after the win against Argentina, Paul Robinson looks like he will become a legend between the posts and will get them out of trouble when he's needed. Added to that is the fact that Beckham was

sublime. Owen is back to his best and Rooney is the kind of player that comes along as often as comets named after girls. I shudder to think how good that team could be if they had a decent manager...

street at chucking out time. Carol Thatcher's got to be the most bizarre televisual choice since they put Chris Moyles in front of a camera. I know why they've done it - it's relative sadism. They want to put Carol through all kinds of pain in the Bush Tucker

Trials so that if we half-close our eyes we can think it's her mum and feel some form of revenge for the Poll Tax.

I fear for Jilly Goolden already. I know EXACTLY why they've put her in there. Having spent a week up a Slovenian mountain with her

for that Extreme Celebrity Detox show a year ago, I can testify she is a total nightmare - guaranteed to drive even the most stoic and forgiving of sorts to madness.

She would make a dolphin turn into a homicidal maniac. I STILL get people coming up to me today, asking why I didn't throw her over the edge.

She's there to wind people up. And she will.

And if she doesn't, I want my money back.

But at least Jilly should provide moments of watchable telly. Until they burn her at the stake.

Unless he's on serious medication - which the producers then withhold from him - I fear another dud. I know they can still parachute in the odd surprise. But unless it's Homer Simpson and Saddam Hussein, I fear the rumble in the jungle may be a wet fart this time.

Sisters are not doin' it

A RETURN to form for most of the X Factor contestants on Saturday. Andy was back to his best and I even felt there was a surreal brilliance to Journey South's Livin' On A Prayer, even if the guitar solo was best described in two words: "Aw" and "Bless".

Brenda continues to be magnificent and as for Chico? Well, I fully expect Tony Blair's next Criminal Justice Bill to include a rule preventing him from singing ballads again.

But by God he's great value on a wet Saturday night when you're

stuck in with the kids. Nicholas is a busted flush. His vocal range is shorter than Roy Keane's temper. Shayne showed as much aptitude for dancing as David Blunkett did for the rules. He would have looked more comfortable trying to do pilates in sandpaper underpants.

Now - The Conways. I can't blame Louis for keeping them in. I blame whoever told these girls they could sing together. It's like a bad turn at a wedding that's gone on too long. Please end it. For the good of Ireland.

A page to love

SO Page 3 is 35 years old. Congratulations! It's a national institution and I for one have never given a stuff about those who dare criticise it, as most of them are fat, ugly and wear patterned knitwear.

I have to confess to experiencing a warm glow of nostalgia as I flicked through Monday's paper and reacquainted myself with Jo Guest, left, Linda Lusardi and Maria Whittaker.

I remembered why it was that myself and so many men of my generation now have to wear glasses.

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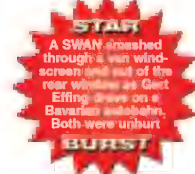
TRIP TRAGEDY: Joe Lister

Boy, 14 in cave horror

by JERRY LAWTON
A PROMISING young footballer died after getting trapped by a rising torrent of water on a school caving trip.
Joe Lister, 14, got cut off from his classmates as they were ordered to flee a cave by instructors.
Rescue teams found his lifeless body in a flooded cavern 90 minutes later.
Paramedics battled to revive him at the scene, but he never regained consciousness and died in hospital.

Course

Last night Joe's parents Martin and Paula were comforting his younger brother and sister Ben and Laura at their home in Tadcaster, North Yorks.
Joe was among a group of Tadcaster Grammar School pupils caving in Upper Nidderdale, North Yorks, on the first day of a week-long residential adventure course.
Last night his aunt Jill Lister sobbed: "We are all devastated by what has happened."
The teenager had trained at York City's football academy.
He was described as a "well-mannered, hard-working sportsman."
Eamonn Murphy, who runs the Tadcaster Albion Under-15s team Joe played for, said: "It's just awful."
The tragedy was being investigated last night.



Monster is caged

COSTA killer Tony King was jailed for 36 years yesterday for the murder of a Spanish schoolgirl.
Barman King, 40, was convicted of kidnapping, sexually assaulting and murdering Sonia Carabantes, 17, near Malaga, on the Costa del Sol.
The father of one emigrated to Spain after serving jail terms for a string of sex attacks in the UK.
Londoner King faces a separate trial next year for the 1999 murder of a 19-year-old girl near Fuengirola.
Sonia's mum Encarna Guzman said: "I hope the monster spends all those 36 years in jail."

SCHOOL-RUN MUMS STIR GORD'S LOINS



Picture: DAVID SILLITOE

by MATTHEW BELL
TV CHEF Gordon Ramsay is in hot water again after accusing mums of dressing to thrill on the school run.

Ranting Ramsay, 39, was only recently at the centre of a storm when he claimed women "can't cook to save their lives".
But now he's running the risk of a hand-bagging at his children's school gates by targeting mums with explicit comments about their clothes.
In an interview in the latest Grazia magazine, Ramsay says: "I did my first school run last week - Tana [his wife] had to draw me a map - and there were all these ladies."

Dress

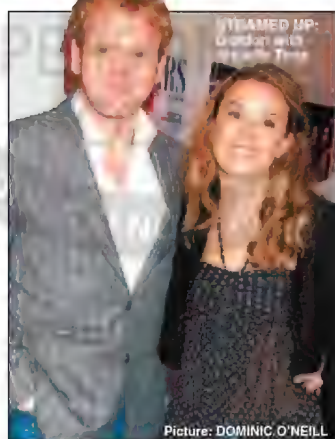
"What they do is drop their kids off, go and buy their lamb shanks, braise them for several hours, then go and pick up the kids. But it's the way they dress that does it for me."
Tana, 31, who was clearly anxious about the prospect of facing the other mothers, tried to interrupt the interview, saying: "Oh please, don't. Shut it, you're going to get yourself in trouble again."

But Ramsay added: "Tight top, hair pulled back, tracksuit bottoms pulled up so tight that you can see the pig's trotter."
He also criticised some of the dads, saying: "Last year, I went to my first nativity play. It was so embarrassing. All those dads with hand-held video cameras. No!"

Scared

His wife reminded him that he loved it when daughter Holly, five, played Mary and her twin brother Jack was a holy star.
He said: "Yes, it does move me. I just don't know if I can handle so many pig's trotters at Christmas."
The star also defended his "women can't cook" remarks, saying: "Oh, f****g hell. What I meant to say is it's my experience in the past four years that women don't want to come into the kitchen."
"They're scared of seeming mumsy if they are seen to be cooking, as if it's going to make them old before their time."
Ramsay said he lets Tana have her own space in the kitchen at home, where she often cooks for the children - and always at weekends.

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Picture: DOMINIC O'NEILL

It's sex on a plate for hunk Jean

■ **DISHY** chef Jean-Christophe Novelli has revealed his sex secret... good grub.
The smouldering Hell's Kitchen star reckons finger food is the best to get things a bit steamy.
■ **Sizzling** Jean-Christophe puts oysters, asparagus and melted chocolate fondue at the top of his erotic food list.
The fiery Frenchman, 44, said:

"Sucking asparagus in front of your partner can be extremely arousing."
■ If that wasn't saucy enough Ken Clarke, 50, who makes body casts, is due to dip a naked Jean-Christophe in plaster at the opening of London's Erotica show at Olympia.
Jean-Christophe hopes to sell it and raise money for charity.

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What's Jude
got to hide?

CHEERFUL Jude Law, 32, appeared to have something to hide as he left flash eaterie Il Patio with pals in Beverly Hills. It looked like he was taking a souvenir - or was he just playing the Artful Dodger?

THE GOSS

With CHARLI MORGAN, LEIGH PURVES and AMY WATTS

POSH TOPPLED BY COLEEN THE STYLE GURU

TV stars clamour for fashion tips

IT'S official, gorgeous Coleen McLoughlin has replaced Posh Spice as the footballer's "wife" that everybody wants to look like.

And it's both women and men who are flocking to copy the bubbly blonde's impeccable taste.

The 19-year-old girlfriend of England and Man Utd star 20-year-old Wayne Rooney, known for her love of shopping, has received a flurry of requests from designers

begging her to help promote their creations ahead of the Christmas party season.

Coleen and Wayne are due to support a charity ball in Liverpool tomorrow and she has stepped in to influence the cast members of Hollyoaks about what they should wear.

An insider said: "Some of the Hollyoaks girls are lending their support to A Night With The Stars charity ball in aid of Childline and they're all wondering what to wear."

"They are always commenting on lovely pictures of Coleen and her pals and they really set the scene for what to wear for a night out in Liverpool."

"So one of the producers at Mersey TV decided to speak to a friend at Channel 5 where Coleen is making a series about shopping."

Skills

"She's been honing her shopping skills with society girl Caroline Stanbury and Mersey TV thought it would be fun to see if she could shop for their sexy cast."

"Coleen apparently jumped at the chance."

Col's show, out later this autumn, will see her team up with Stanbury on shopping trips to London, New York and Manchester.

Image consultant Caroline, 24, was charged with helping Col lose her footballer's wife tag to become a real style guru.



ONLY Paris Hilton could find herself caught up in a spot of, er, monkey business.

The 24-year-old was shopping for lingerie with her new pet, Baby Luv (whatever next?) in Los Angeles when the animal went bananas.

Onlookers say the honey bear bit Paris and clawed at her face as she was walking into posh boutique Agent Provocateur with it on her shoulder. But the fright didn't stop her spending spree...

HUSH HUSH

WHICH well known broadcaster is so tight she's called "skintflint" among her colleagues? The determined diva in question goes to extreme lengths to save herself cash and is ribbed for taking flasks of tea to work. And despite earning mega money, she owes pals a stash of cash and won't ever buy a round down the pub.

WE'RE giving you the chance to mingle with a wealth of stars at a lavish charity ball in Liverpool tomorrow night. A Night With The Stars in aid of Childline, sponsored by Connell Associates Solicitors, will attract a host of celebs including Wayne Rooney, 20, and Coleen McLoughlin, 19.

And Amy Winehouse, 22, and Ms Dynamite, 24, are just a couple of the artists who will perform at the bash held at St George's Hall.

To get your mitts on one of the tickets answer this question: Which football team, aside from England, does Wayne Rooney play for?

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What a Motley pair they make

CELEBRITY Love Island winner **Jayne Middlemiss** could have found love at last - with **Motley Crue** rocker **Tommy Lee**.

Tommy, 43, who was wed to Hollywood hotties **Pamela Anderson**, 38, and **Heather Locklear**, 44, spent an entire telly interview flirting with Georgie lass Jayne, 34, off

camera, insiders report. He dropped massive hints he had the hots for Jayne while the pair, pictured here, filmed tonight's edition of the ITV1's music show *Orange Playlist*. He asked her out that night. But unlucky-in-love Jayne declined and swapped numbers instead. Playing it cool love?



Picture: SNAPPERS

ORLY'S BRAVE DRESS SENSE

BIG Brother's **Orlaith McAllister** cut a demure figure at the Young Heroes award ceremony in London yesterday.

Orlaith, 26, left, best known for acts of bravery like exposing her breasts, looked cute in this tight green dress.

But she still couldn't make **Marilyn Monroe** turn in her grave with this clingy little number ... unlike **Coleen McLoughlin**, far left, who managed to look stunning in trendy black.



QUICKIE..

GEORGE Clooney has "adopted" a family at Italy's Lake Como.

The Hollywood hunk, 44, opened up his plush villa to them while he helps do up their home.

The star said: "I'm fixing up a couple of houses next door for a family. They're staying at my place at the moment."

"They're great cooks. They've got a 12-year-old and I want them to have a place where they can bring all their friends."

SPOTTED

IN London: **Ally McBeal** star **Jane Krakowski** dining at a Moroccan restaurant in London's West End, **EastEnders** actress **Wendy Richard** at the **Kenel Club's** dog show at **Earl's Court** and **Russell Crowe** with his family in **Wagamama**, Soho with their three bodyguards sitting on a separate table. **Kelly Osbourne** walking along **Camden High Street** and **Terry Wogan** in **Selfridges**.

QUICKIE..

HATS off to sexy actress **Suranne Jones** who is set to become a huge star in the States.

We hear the 26-year-old brunette babe was introduced to Hollywood bigwigs by her Vincent co-star **Ray Winstone**, 48, and they were bowled over.

An insider said: "Ray's well connected in Tinseltown and introduced her to some pals in the movie industry who are very taken with her."

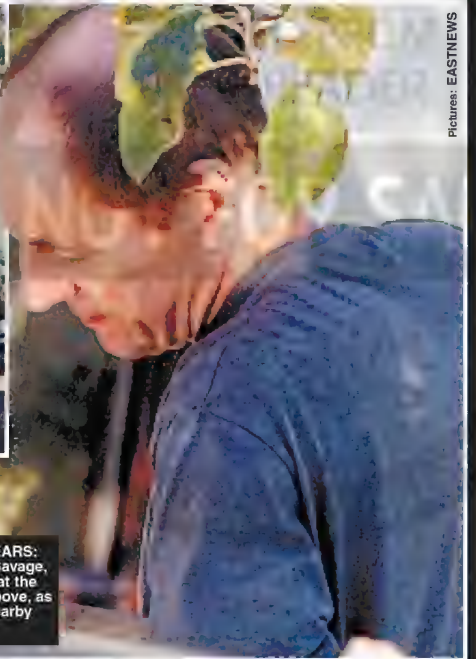
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Kids slam fat folks

MOST children think their parents are slobs. A new survey found that 80% of 11 to 16-year-olds said their parents set them a bad example when it came to physical activity and a healthy diet. Just over half (54%) said their parents were overweight.

Drug lord flees cops

ONE of Britain's most notorious criminals, Mark Rothermel, 55 – known as The Colonel – is on the run after swimming across a river to escape police in Salcombe, Devon. They were alerted after £100,000 worth of amphetamine was found in a hedge.



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VIRUS FEARS: Howard Savage, right, worked at the bird centre, above, as well as at a nearby hospital

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50 BIRDS KILLED BY AVIAN FLU

Taiwan imports blamed

MORE than 50 birds have died of avian flu at a quarantine centre where the UK's first case was recorded.

An official report said yesterday that a group of mesia finches imported from Taiwan were likely to have caused the outbreak of the virus.

The government investigation was launched last month after a parrot from Surinam, South America, was feared to have died of the killer H5N1 strain.

Samples

It was thought to have been the first case recorded in the UK and led worried experts to take samples from other birds being held in quarantine at the Pegasus Birds Centre in Brentwood, Essex.

A report from the National Emergency Epidemiology Group today said that, because all the samples were pooled, it

■ by JON COATES

had not been possible for scientists to pinpoint which bird the virus came from.

But it added that, "on the balance of probabilities", it believed the infection was brought into the Essex centre by one of the mesias.

The virus was then transmitted among the birds and may have killed as many as 53 of the 101 mesias.

But it did not appear to have been passed on to any other species at the centre, according to the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.

The Essex quarantine centre sparked controversy after it was revealed that one of its staff, Howard Savage, 55, also had a job at a nearby hospital.

Experts fear the bird flu virus could mutate and become highly infectious among humans.

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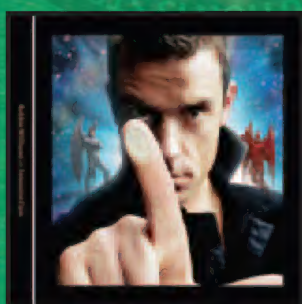
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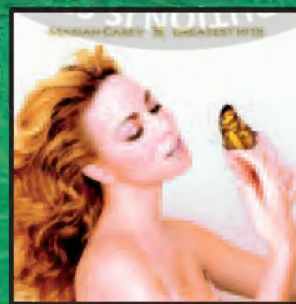
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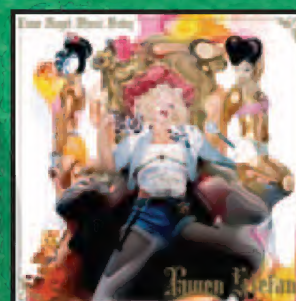
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Sheikh rattle 'n roll

POP weirdo Michael Jackson shows how NOT to shake hands with an Arab royal. The Thriller singer, 47, was guest of honour at a posh dinner in Dubai to mark the end of a desert rally. But instead of properly greeting respected host Mohammed Bin El Sulayem, Jacko gave him a good old US high-five salute. Get a grip, Michael!

ANGELINA & BRAD SIGN A PRE-NUP

HOLLYWOOD lovers Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie have signed a pre-nuptial agreement worth millions to protect Angelina's adopted children.

The couple are set to tie the knot on December 1 at George Clooney's Italian lakeside villa.

Both Brad, 41, and Angelina, 30, want to protect their fortunes. And Angelina is especially keen so that her kids would be looked after in case of a divorce.

Ocean's Eleven star Brad has agreed to a secret deal which means Angelina's Cambodian son Maddox, four, and nine-month-old African daughter Zahara need never worry about

by GARY NICKS

cash. He has also agreed to the pair adopting more kids, as well as having their own.

A source told Grazia mag: "Brad has always

understood that she wanted to adopt more because she has such strong feelings about helping children born into poverty. "But she would love to have Brad's baby too."

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i went to 1 of the biggest schools in cov but there was hardly any bullying. why? because anyone caught bullying got the cane. bring it back and watch cases drop. **BIG KEV IN COV**

Correct way to pronounce "bullies" is "C.O.W.A.R.D-S". **HX**
So a kid gets thrown out of class 4 darin to write "god save the queen" in an english school! This wont stop while people call it "politically correct madness". say wot it really is - ITS RACISM! Neil of the island!

Why dont people pull their kids out of R.E. and let the muslims have it? I dont want my children brainwashed by fanatics. **Big bill, beck-enham.**

y does it takes 58 ppl 2 die for the government 2 make the underground safer? absolute madness. **Paul from chichester**

Come on blair pull our lads out of Iraq now, they r been killed for nowt. **captain karl dawson, roseworth**

which force is better, the royal marines or the paras? **monk**
Burka barbie! Wats next, suicide bomber ken? Whats happend to this country? **PAULY D**

As an atheist, I find the Burka Barbie offensive. Can I have it banned, please? **Inchy**

Why doesn't the daily star start a campaign to end all this politically correct sh*t, "the christian campaign"? or is that not allowed either? **rosy**

who are these idiots responsible for growing nanny state? how about a name and shame section in our down to earth daily star so we can recognise them and challenge their delusions? **andy, camden town**

Cameras every 400 yds on motorways storing details of all passing cars for two years. Ban on company car

drivers smoking in their cars. Just what freedoms are we supposed to celebrate on Remembrance Day? **Ian W**

just been 2 shop 2 buy d star & some doley spent 22 quid on wkly lotto. is it worth me wrkn 10hr days taxed 2 eyeballs? **adam, fed up wrkr**

FIREWORKS BAN? EM STILL GOING ON! COST ME £180 ROCK-ET HIT ME CAR! **BIG G**

Sounds like we have another great eastenders christmas storyline. A funeral, how festive. **Paul**

pictures of eastenders grave scene in sunday star - lets hope the producer is being buried. **Fed-up ee fan**

2 Weeks ago peggy in eastenders said they only had the car lot left. how come they suddenly can buy the vic and the arches back? **JAMIE**

If nanna moon only had one child (Alfies dad), whose child is Jake moon, if hes alfies cousin and nannas grandson? **Grace**

THESE DAYTIME PRESENTERS TELLIN US THE HOURS THEY DO N LACK OF SLEEP THEY WANT 2 TRY 2 WORK 4 A LIVING. **MOANIN T***S! steelworker!**

Saw grovelling idiot Darius on GMTV. Why does he always try 2 not offend anyone? **stovey**

Anyone know what become of tristran from tv show george an mildred? And best band Stray cats, rockabilly 4eva. **king billy, chesterfield**

album light and shade by mike old-field is brilliant. If u readin this mike good un! **dark star**

2 ross in carlisle, forget the gorillas, theres only 1 band 4 me, **STEREOPHONICS! Ian in lincs**

KATE I THINK UL LOOK LUSH IN SEXY UNDIES GO 4 IT SWEET-HEART! **KEIFY**

kate, if your man doesnt like it give me a call. **catman**

People who walk dogs on sunday football pitches want shooting. I went in for a diving header and came away with chum on me face. **craig "GIGGSY" price**

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Five's 5th gear girl Vicki Butler-Henderson is 1 hot babe. **TERRY**

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This is me with the legend that is Ally McCoist at Sunderland game. **Richie Parker**

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xfactor is just a battle of the egos. maria went becoz shaz osbrne had 2 many acts left and louis walsh knew maria was a big threat. **clive kool dude**
bring back maria, get rid ov louis walsh. he wouldnt know talent if it smacked him in the mush. **tspotter**
I THINK ALL THE X FACTOR FINALISTS SHOULD SING THE SAME SONG. POPULAR SONGS GET MORE VOTES! **MAG, M.K.**

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SO Naseem Hamed is planning a comeback but only wants to hit non-Muslims.

What an insult to the rest of us, many of whom noted his lack of bottle after being thrashed by Barrera.

I hope the Prince will forgive us for suspecting he's afraid of young Amir Khan humiliating him.

MR J. BOGAN,
Stockton-on-Tees, Cleveland.

JUDGE John Curran says kids need fathers. Brilliant! How about mothers too, and married. Or is that too radical for the liberal elite?

MRS S. MUHAMMAD,
Leeds.

TONY Blair is the best PM we've had for a long time. He hasn't caused riots like Margaret Thatcher, or blowouts like Ted Heath.

G. WALTON
Newcastle upon Tyne.

IF girls are throwing themselves at Chico, let's hope X Factor's bosses provide a rack for them to leave their white sticks when they visit him. **LEN ROBINSON, Cardiff.**

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